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Dear Mr. Cameron,

Years ago at a MUFON meeting in Akron, Ohio I met a man who had also studied the Wilbert Smith material and he became known to Mrs. Smith. With time my memory will release the imprisoned memory but that is a technical matter and there are many in Ohio who would know right away. He was a rubber worker. Now in answer to your question Harold Sherman, who died several months ago, told me in a taped recorded telephone interview the statement which you quoted from Book 2 of UFODynamics. There was a subsequent article on Silas Newton in MUFON where Bill Moore exposed him as a consummate con man. I sent this article to Harold Sherman who said he might have been taken in but that all was not fraud that Newton said. So, to that extent it is up in the air. However you might learn more from Mrs. Sherman or one of her daughters. Martha knew Newton and was also taped by myself with their permission. They were not fools and ones to be easily snookered. You would have nothing to lose by writing Mrs. Sherman:

Mrs. Harold M. Sherman
HC 74, Box 232
Mountain View, AR 72560

The other month Mr. Steinman telephoned me in Florida and told me of some interesting material that is relevant to what we share curiosity about. I have not seen his book yet but look forward to reading it. I checked the published interview with Mr. Sherman but no where does it state that Harold ever had any contact with Mr. Smith. Sherman only told me what Newton told him; and that was long before the subject was as popular as it became and Len Stringfield's book. Only after the latter did I contact Harold and ask for a release of what he had told me in secrecy years earlier at the Hotel Algonquin in NYC. Therefore the Sherman story was solid and did not change as far as Harold was concerned but what Newton told him is another matter. According to Bill Moore's careful researching Newton was dishonest all the way. Again, Sherman was a police reporter early in his career and Frank Scully was no fool either, according to Sherman. As you have probably learned many times over the field of ufology seems to have more than its share of carefully nurtured disinformation.

Off hand I know nothing about Mrs. Swan but Betty Hill might have mentioned her in our correspondence through the years. When I write her shortly I will send her a copy of your letter, in confidence, and ask if she knows anything about what you say. Betty is a very smart and capable woman.

I wonder if you have heard of what happened to Brian Cannon who was up in your country and did excellent research for years and he just seemed to completely disappear from the scene.

Good luck in your project. I will be curious about what conclusions you reach. Perhaps Bill Allen or Prof. Max Edwards would know the answers to some of your queries.

From the reef,

+ Larry ?? ... crossed eyes
Also I received a recent letter from Prof. Wally Smith and from Mr. Michael.
Have you any follow information on him? I am writing Mrs. Sherman about you.
Harold Sherman seems to have disappeared to the Co. of Arkansas.